

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VIOLATION OF POLLUTION NORMS BY MINING COMPANIES

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some mining companies in the country are causing pollution by not following the pollution norms prescribed by the Government;

(b) if so, the details of cases of violation reported in various States during 2006-07 and 2007-08; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government on such mining companies, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes sir, some mining companies in the country are causing pollution by not following the pollution norms prescribed by the Government. The State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) are granting 'Consent' under the Water Act, 1974 and the Air Act, 1981 for the mining projects in the respective States/UTs. The implementation of the Water Act, 1974 and the Air Act, 1981 rests with the respective SPCB/PCC which are functioning under the administrative control of the concerned State Government/UT Administration.

(b) During 2006-07 and 2007-08, some of the SPCBs such as Orissa, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh have reported violation of pollution control norms by 21, 7 and 1 mining companies respectively as listed below :

Orissa

1. M/s. Sukrangi Chromite Mines (OMC Ltd.), Jajpur
2. M/s. Hungula OCP (M.C. Ltd.), Talcher, Angul
3. M/s. Hirakhand-Bundla Coal Mine (M. C. Ltd), Jharsuguda
4. M/s. Samaleswari OCP (M.C. Ltd), Jharsuguda
5. M/s. Bharatpur OCP (M.C. Ltd), Angul
6. M/s. Kalinga/Balaram OCP (M.C. Ltd), Angul
- 7 M/s. Bholamal Fire Clay Mine (J.K. & K.P.), Jharsuguda
8. M/s. Navayug Minerals Ltd. (Bondoguda gemstone mines), Kalahandi
9. M/s. Debar Gemstone Mines, Kalahandi
10. M/s. Badibahal Graphite Mine, Kalahandi
11. M/s. Balda-Palsa-Jajanga Iron Ore Mines (OMC Ltd.), Keonjhar
12. M/s. Deojhar Iron Ore Mines, Keonjhar
13. M/s. Bhanjapali Iron Ore Mines, Sundargarh
14. M/s. Khatkurbahal Lime Stone & Dollomite Mine, Sundargarh
15. M/s. Purnapani- Bhojpur Limestone & Dolomite Mines, (Kalinga Lime)
16. M/s. Katasahi Manganese Ore Mine, (FACOR), Keonjhar
17. M/s. Katasahi-Kolha-Rudkela Manganese Ore Mines, Keonjhar
18. M/s. Purnapani Quartzite Mines, Mayurbhanj
19. M/s. Nuagaon Iron & Manganese Mines (Tarini Minerals Ltd), Sundargarh
20. M/s. Teherai-sonua Iron & Manganese Ore Mines (Tarini Minerals Ltd.), Sundargarh
21. M/s. Tantra Iron Ore Mines, (Krop Resources Ltd.), Sundargarh

Gujarat

1. M/s. Ultratech Cement Ltd., Amreli
2. M/s. Gujarat Ambuja Cement Ltd. (Sugola & jagantiya), Junagarh
3. M/s. Gujarat Ambuja Cement Ltd. (Rampara- Kukaras- Bhetado & Anandpara mines), Junagarh
4. M/s. GHCL, Ltd., (Khadasaliya), Dist: Bhavnagar

5. M/s. Rajul Stone Crusher (Sihor), Dist. Bhavnagar
6. M/s. Jalaram Quarry Works (Sihor), Dist. Bhavnagar
- 7 M/s. Ashapura Mine Chem Limited (Mahadevin, Taluka: Jamkalyanpur), Dist: Jamnagar

Madhya Pradesh

1. M/s. Hindustan Copper Project (Malajkhanda), Balaghat

(c) The actions taken by the respective SPCBs against non compliant mining companies include: refusal of consents, issuance of show cause notices and issuance of directions under the Water Act, 1974 and the Air Act, 1981, as applicable apart from seeking bank guarantee to bind the company for compliance of pollution control norms in time bound manner.